

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7:01 pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Paul Boothroyd, Lee Caras, Priscilla Sandberg, Brion Berghaus, John Courville and Ann Gibson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Lesage

GUESTS: Jillian Prendergast and David Mark

Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16th meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul and approved.

REVIEW of action items from 10/16/21 meeting: Historic New England membership has been renewed; the QR code on the Mill history panels is now operational; the presentation by the Commission to the Select Board has been confirmed for March 1, 2022.

CURRENT TOPICS

Historically Significant Properties (HSP) List preparation for public hearing:

Jack reported that, on the advice of Town Counsel, the required 14-day notice of a public hearing to recommend additions to the HSP with regard to out-of-town property owners should be done as follows: such letters should be mailed twice, once by a regular mail and simultaneously by certified mail. For the property of any owner thus informed who does not appear at the hearing, a vote on that property can be taken by the Commission at the hearing.

Discussion of dates and whether the hearing should be at a regular or special meeting(s) followed.

Review of draft historical summaries and motions [EXHIBIT]:

- 18-20 Park Street/MAY.557. Jack contacted consultant Kathy Broomer who noted that the current MACRIS cover sheet description was done by staff or an intern at the State Commission without consulting her and does not accurately reflect how the house should be described. It will be corrected to "Italianate/no style", reflecting the removal of identifying items tied to the original Italianate style. Owner Jillian Prendergast stated that there are modern structures on the property that need improvements, and that the Commission should clarify what buildings or portions of buildings described in a MACRIS entry it is seeking to protect via an HSP listing. Jack supported this idea and recommended that the Commission review both past HSP listings and all potential HSP additions for clarification. Jillian further commented that she would prefer not to have the historic nature of her house made public by house plaque, HSP listing or possibly by being noted on an area walking tour. Jack said that architectural style was not the primary source of historical interest in the house. It had been lived in by two petitioners for the incorporation of the Town in 1871 and was built on land formerly owned by a third petitioner, Aaron Thompson. On behalf of the Commission Jack thanked Jillian for her candor and diligence in helping the Commission understand how its decisions impact owners.

CPC Marble Farm grant agreement conditions: Ellen said that the application to create Marble Farm Park had been approved by CPC, but that MHC, which had endorsed the project, and David Mark, who will manage the project, needed to focus on the special conditions required for the Park—that it

be zoned open space and be officially designated as a park. David agreed to discuss these matters with Justin DeMarco, DPW Director. Ellen said that she would discuss re-zoning and designation requirements with Bill Nemser, Town Planner.

HSP List preparation, continued:

From the Exhibit referenced above, the following draft summaries and motions supporting addition to the HSP list were reviewed:

24-28 Acton Street/MAY.18

24 Concord Street/MAY.418, MAY.O

42 Concord Street/MAY.420

13 Dartmouth Street/MAY.32

7-9 Elmwood Street/MAY.527

10 Great Road/MAY.K

30 Great Road/MAY.539

32 Great Road/MAY.34

112 Great Road/MAY.S

4 High Street/MAY.542

174 and 174A Main Street/MAY.545

12 Park Street/MAY.450

61 Summer Street/MAY.24, MAY.25, MAY.27

Paul said that the summaries and motions for 30 Great Road and 174 and 174A Main Street needed further work before they might be considered candidates for the HSP list or not.

Jack said the public hearing date will be postponed until February.

Ellen asked if the Middlesex Savings Bank should be considered as an addition to the list.

Curfew bell: Ellen reported that it would be installed at the Library on Dec. 2 by the rigging company.

Tabled: question of presenting Mark Enneguess a commemorative plaque as a thank you for building the bell display table.

MHC letter of appreciation to the Sesquicentennial Committee: has been delivered.

Walking Tour Brochures: Paul reported that the Library would be willing to print brochures. We will supply them with a ream of legal-size paper. Brion also reported that Assabet Voc Tech has a printing department that might help us.

House Plaque applications: Mock-ups of two plaques have been sent to homeowners by Ann. One has been approved by the owner.

NEW ITEMS

Historical marker for Amory's Grove: was tabled.

MHC associate membership open position: no response to Facebook posting.

OTHER:

Ellen reported that the historic Litchfield Coal Company rock had been removed from the front yard of 38 Great Road.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ellen, seconded by Lee and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: January 18, 2022

